

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

October 1, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Ridley.

Members Present: McGinnis, Balazovic, Ridley, Fisher, Waldron

Members Absent: None

Minutes of the September meetings were approved as presented.

Trustee Waldron moved and Treasurer Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items: No public comments were received.

Committee reports:

DDA: Out to bid on the Pathway Project. **Beautification:** Two maple trees were planted at Hide-A-Way Park; looking for shade loving perennials for the fence line at the park. **Planning Commission:** Dennis Darst submitted his resignation today; anyone interested in serving on the Planning Commission please contact the township for more information. **West Side Road End:** The DEQ permit is good for six months; it is much more involved than what the Committee originally was looking to do. The Committee will be submitting to the Cheboygan County Road Commission (CCRC), the Attorneys representing the homeowners of S. Hamilton Road the following proposal:

1. Cut trees for clear vision on the South side of the R.O.W. by the stop sign
2. Clear trees under 3" in diameter within 200' of the water
3. Remove rocks on the beach
4. Taper back and widen approach up to the water's edge
5. Add limestone to the approach up to the water's edge
6. Provide for clean rain runoff into the lake
7. Obtain permit for the white fence in the ROW

Clerk Fisher moved to support the CCRC's recommendation for improvements to the Burt Lake road end on E/W Resort Road. Treasurer Balazovic seconded and the motion carried. Fisher also clarified that west side owners on Ellinger Road were not working with the Committee when they cleared trees on Ellinger Road. A resident obtained a permit from the CCRC to clear the trees for his own purpose.

Airport Managers Report: Norm Pratt reported that the airport is doing well. The tree work is almost done and the annual inspection went well. He is getting the equipment ready for winter.

Treasurer's report: The general accounts have \$981,017.96 without interest; the tax accounts have \$593,652.13 with interest.

Correspondence: Copies of correspondence submitted with packets with the addition of a letter from Robert Walker regarding picnic tables at DeVoe Beach.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve the 2014 Fire Protection Contract for \$155,602.00. The Tuscarora Township Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. has changed the formula for calculating their fees. Previously it was based on a ½ mill of the SEV for both Real and Personal Property although it was never assessed to Personal Property. The Fire Department's revenue has been decreasing over the past several years due to the decrease in SEV values. The new formula will be ¾ mill of Taxable Property Value on Real Property; with this change their operating revenue will be below what was billed in 2008. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, abstain.

Clerk Fisher presented the Municipal Building Maintenance Agreement approved by the Indian River Area Library Board which is different from the agreement previously approved by the Township Board. After reviewing the changes, Trustee Waldron recommended tabling the agreement to allow the three entities the opportunity to reach an agreement on the contracted services and the requirement of all three entities approval for any expense, with the exception of emergency repairs, over \$1,000.

Trustee Waldron provided an update on the Waste Water Collection bid. Andy Grandskog, Engineer Rural Development, approved the latest revisions to the plans and the bid packets should be available October 4th; bid opening set for 11:00 a.m. October 25th. Waldron understands that bid packets will be sent out at no charge to those who paid for them the first time. There will be five divisions and an alternate for the Industrial Park, the main system will have eleven duplex grinder pumps in the lower areas and one of the pump stations has been eliminated. The rate resolution had been put on hold while the plans were being revised; work on that can now resume. Two questions have been posed to our bond council: How will the dollars be coordinated if the State Park comes in after

the special assessment has been established? How should the special assessment collections be handled for the 2013 winter tax bill? The deadline for making the decision for that collection is November 15th and Waldron believes we will be able to make an educated decision at our November Regular Meeting.

Public comments: Public comments began at 7:50 p.m. Comments were received from eight persons. Comments ended at 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Waldron to pay the bills was seconded by Trustee McGinnis and it carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Waldron to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. was seconded by Treasurer Balazovic. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor